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In re Application of

UCHIDA et al

Application No.: 10/582,779

PCT No.: PCT/JP2004/018705 :

Int. Filing Date: 15 December 2004 : DECISION

Priority Date: 19 December 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 2006 0891A :

For: COMPONENT MOUNTING HEAD, :

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MANUFACTURING METHOD

The decision is in response to applicants' "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182" filed in the USPTO on 23 July 2007.

BACKGROUND

On 15 December 2004, applicants filed international application PCT/JP2004/018705 which designated the United States and claimed a priority date of 19 December 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 07 July 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 19 June 2006.

On 13 June 2006, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee.

On 19 January 2007, applicants filed an executed declaration of inventors and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h).

On 16 March 2007, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating, *inter alia*, that the second listed inventor's last name on the declaration differed from the second listed inventor's last name on the published international application.

On 12 April 2007, applicants filed a submission stating that the name of the second listed inventor has changed from Arai (maiden name) to Sakurai since the filing of the international

application. This submission, together with the declaration of inventors filed 19 January 2007, was properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

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On 12 May 2007, a decision was mailed dismissing without prejudice applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

On 23 July 2007, applicants filed the instant "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182", which was accompanied by an affidavit of Risa Sakurai.

DISCUSSION

In instances where an inventor has changed his or her name after the application has been filed, a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 must be submitted. The petition must include (1) the appropriate petition fee and (2) an affidavit signed with both names setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

As to item (1), the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.182 is \$400 rather than \$130. The balance has been charged to Deposit Account 230975.

Item (2) has now been met.

Declaration of Inventors

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The declaration of inventors filed 19 January 2007 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application.

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